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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office (European Search Report) in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that

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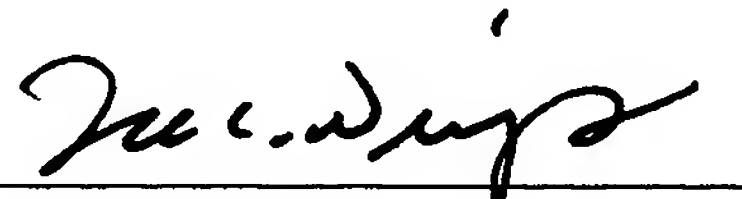
portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

It is noted that the European Search Report also lists JP 7-336017, which was submitted in the PTO Form SB/08 submitted on January 6, 2004.

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